

FISCAL NOTE

HB 865 - SB 1670

February 22, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires hospitals providing emergency care for rape victims to provide written and oral information about emergency contraception, to orally inform each victim of her option to be provided emergency contraception and to provide the complete regime of emergency contraception immediately at the hospital to each victim who requests it. Requires the Department of Health to provide informational materials on emergency contraception, respond to complaints, and determine compliance by hospitals. Imposes a civil penalty on hospitals of \$5,000 per woman who is denied information or is not offered emergency contraception.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

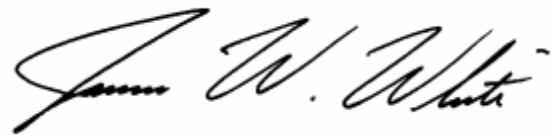
Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Office of Women's Health provides literature on emergency contraception for distribution in all health department clinics that will be made available to hospitals statewide.
- The Bureau of Health Licensure and Regulation would not incur a significant impact on expenditures for responding to complaints or for periodically determining compliance by hospitals.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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